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Now is the time to be hauling this valuable material from its hidden recesses in the swamps, and utilizing it for fertilizing the soil. The farmers of the mountain valleys of a more fertile soil, and the value of the material, which is a most valuable and sometimes useless artificial manure, the effects of which are at best short-lived—they little dream of the rich stores of fertilizing material which lie buried in their own swamps and marshes, and which only needs a small expenditure of labor to procure and convert into a cheap, natural, and most excellent fertilizer, and which if judiciously managed and applied, would add much to the permanent improvement of their lands.

By swamp muck we mean the dark-colored, blackish deposit found in almost all bays or marshy places, and which contains all the elements of plant food, when properly utilized, the bulk of its composition being made up of decayed vegetable matter, interspersed with a goodly proportion of animal matter consequent upon the dissolution of countless insects, reptiles, and other creeping things peculiar to swamps; in fact nothing wanting but proper manure to render it a perfect manure. As it comes from the swamps, muck is not fit for direct application to land, but should be carted out in the summer months when comparatively dry, and lie exposed to the unmelting effects of winter before being applied to the land. On account of the great tenacity and adhesiveness of all clay lands, they are termed "heavy," i. e., not easily cultivated. The tenacity of the soil, or its power to resist the plow, is about one-third that of clay, whilst its adhesiveness is about one-fourth that of clay. It is evident, therefore, that, owing to this material difference between the two, the application of the latter to the former cannot but improve its texture and consequently its power to absorb moisture, even if all its other desirable characteristics are left out of consideration.

On the same principle muck may be used to improve light, sandy soils, as, by reason of its great tenacity and adhesiveness, the much needed firmness is evidently increased. But these mechanical peculiarities—to say nothing of its fertilizing properties—are not the only considerations of value belonging to swamp muck. Different soils absorb moisture from the atmosphere in different degrees—some more, some less—and Sir Humphrey Davy, one of England's greatest agricultural chemists, regarded this property as a true index to the quality of the land—if it absorbed moisture freely he considered it good, but if not he regarded it bad.

Muck, when dried, is known to be a most powerful absorbent, surpassing all other constituents in this respect, and possessing five times the absorptive powers of arable land generally, and when applied its effect in this respect is even more beneficial. Its greatest effect, however, is shown on heavy clay soils, increasing their absorptive powers most surprisingly, and consequently their productive capacity is relatively enhanced.

THE HOUSEKEEPER.

A Green Horn—"Doctor, I have made up my mind to try housekeeping here. Among other things my dear wife and I have been talking over the kind of bed to purchase in order to preserve health. Now, we should be thankful for your advice."

"I shall be given cheerfully. Buy a good bed, rather than a good corpse. If you cannot have both."

"Can you be so emphatic?"

"I am, and for the best of reasons."

"What are they?"

"The carpet is for appearance only; the bed for rest. Am you aware of the large proportion of time spent in bed?"

"It has not occurred to me before but I see it must be considerable."

"It is, indeed—at least one-third of the time for well persons, and, including infancy and childhood in an old age, nearly one-half of each twenty-four hours, the average for each decade, healthy, adult person is not eight hours in every twenty-four. In infancy and old age the average is still greater, and this, of course, is much greatly increased by taking into our calculations the proper estimate of sickness. I repeat it, taking the whole human life with all its vicissitudes, and, according to account, nearly half of it is spent in bed."

"I see your argument, Doctor; the importance of securing a good bed is apparent. Now, be so kind as to advise me as to the kind of bed which should be preferred."

"Don't sleep on feathers. They gather dampness and foul air, and are really less healthy than most others. Feather beds, for they are out side the blankets, and the heat rising upon them gets the feathers in the room."

"Then you prefer a hair bed?"

"By no means; for a hair bed pressing hard against portions of the body impedes the circulation of the blood, and only hard muscular persons can well endure it. I would recommend a spring-bed, with either a cotton or hair cover. These are becoming general, and I can assure you that they are better than any other bed which I have seen. I understand you. My family shall have such beds, even though they should cost a little more. You have my hearty thanks, Doctor, for your suggestions."

This German washwoman who uses a mixture of two ounces bergamot and one ounce spirits ammonia will make a fine wash. This is put into a bucket of warm water, in which half a pound of soap has been dissolved. The clothes are immersed for twenty-four hours and then washed in cold water. It is said to be greatly quickened, and two or three rinses in cold water removes the turpentine smell.

JULY BOLL.—Take three eggs, one pound of sugar, a cup of flour, a teaspoonful of soda, or, in lieu of the soda and cream, add a teaspoonful and a half of baking powder; beat the eggs; spread with jelly, and roll up with the jelly side in; cut in slices across the roll.

Dr. REYNOLDS states that lemon juice, used as a gargle, is an efficacious specific against diphtheria and similar throat troubles. He has successfully treated this employed it for over eighteen years.

YOUNG Englishmen, who are coming over to the Continent, anticipate much excitement in shooting wild Indians on Stoney Island and killing buffaloes in Jersey city.

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**POST OFFICE OFFICERS.**  
Postmaster—Wm. H. Miller.  
Assistant Postmaster—J. H. Miller.  
Post Office—Wm. H. Miller.  
Post Office—J. H. Miller.

**CLERKS OF THE COURT.**  
Clerk of the Court—Wm. H. Miller.  
Deputy Clerk of the Court—J. H. Miller.

**NOTARIES PUBLIC.**  
Notary Public—Wm. H. Miller.  
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**WILSON'S SEWING MACHINE.**  
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Only \$50.  
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